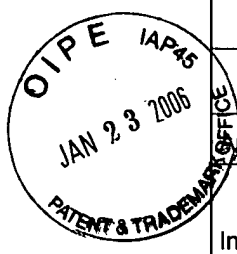


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Application No. 10/733,410-Conf. #9118		Filing Date December 12, 2003		Examiner G. D. Spisich	
Art Unit 3616					
Applicant(s): Shinji TAKAHASHI					
Invention: STEERING SHAFT SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR VEHICLE FOR UNEVEN GROUND RUNNING					
<b>MS Amendment</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2005 (Paper No. 20050823), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Claim Set As Amended, Amendments to the Drawings, Remarks, and Two Sheets of Replacement Drawings (FIGS. 6 and 7).